

ROYAL RANGERS from the North and South Fort Worth Sections of the North Texas District—243 of them—convened on October 7 for an exciting Royal Rangers roundup (campout). The site was the newly purchased Assemblies of God Brazos Ranch, located in Texas hill country bordering the historic Brazos River.

By late afternoon the meadows and sloping hills were dotted with tents of all sizes and shapes. The cedar breaks and rocky cliffs echoed with the exciting sounds of robust boys pitching tents and setting up camp.

The first major event, after supper, of course, was the big council fire service. What an inspiring sound to hear over 200 boys singing hymns and choruses around a blazing campfire.

The featured speaker was Johnnie Barnes, national commander of Royal Rangers. Commander Barnes built his message around stories of Indians in the early days of Texas and then drew spiritual parallels. Leaders and boys alike were deeply moved during the time of prayer and dedication.

Later in the evening the boys took a moonlit hike. The twinkling stars above inspired some of the boys to sing, "The stars at night are big and bright, Deep in the heart of Texas."

The following morning a devotional time was led by G. M. Budge from Brisbane, Australia. Brother Budge, who will be promoting Royal Rangers in Australia, attended the event to study camp techniques.

Morning activities included campcraft training sessions in firecraft, first aid, ropecraft, compass and map, and pathfinding.

After a hearty lunch the group gathered to hear an interesting talk by Tarrant County Sheriff Lon Evans.

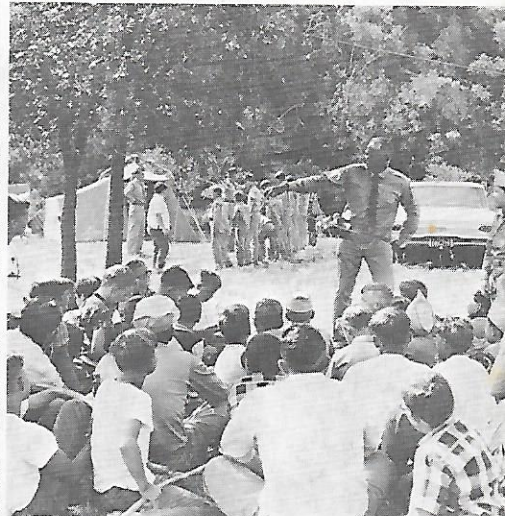
The roundup concluded with the presentation of camp awards and a unanimous decision to conduct another roundup next spring.

The roundup staff was composed of James Lewis, camp coordinator; A. H. Roever, campcraft director; Victor Ostrom, achievement and awards chairman; R. E. Tyson, director of registration; and Sam Harwood, publicity director.



In the left photo are some who participated in the roundup. Left to right: James Lewis, camp coordinator; Johnnie Barnes, speaker; A. H. Roever, campcraft chairman; and G. M. Budge, Brisbane, Australia. At the right are fellows busy setting up camp.

'ROUNDUP TIME IN TEXAS'



Sheriff Lon Evans (left photo) of Tarrant County came out to the ranch and talked to the boys. A. H. Roever (right photo) conducts a ropecraft class.

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